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May 10, 2006

Mr. Gene K. Fong  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
650 Capitol Mall, Suite 4-100  
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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Merced County Association of Governments' 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
12	<b>Local Element</b> Modifies the Highway Bridge Program lump sum projects (MPOID: CT004) per project lists constituting the lump sums.* See Enclosure.

\* The amendment programs a total of \$903,000 in Fiscal Year 2005/06 and \$7,000 in Fiscal Year 2006/07.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 12 for inclusion into California's 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP, in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 and 3 - Exempt Projects, of 40 Code of Federal Regulations § 93.126 and § 93.127 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis.

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In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The Merced County Association of Governments prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Cathy Gomes, of my staff, at (916) 654-3271.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ross A. Chittenden".

ROSS A. CHITTENDEN  
Chief  
Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosure

c: Lisa Hanf - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)  
Jesse B. Brown - Merced County Association of Governments  
Marjie Kirn - Merced County Association of Governments